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Thanks!

The bats exhibit has opened! While I am excited at the wonderful response from the public and the press, it is equally gratifying to see how staff from all corners of the Museum worked together to make it happen. I fear that when many of these folks close their eyes at night images of bats flutter through their minds! The results of your dedication are evident. My heart-felt thanks to everyone who contributed to Masters of the Night.

Carrie Hageman

YUCKY MANILLA FOLDERS FIND NEW LIFE -- AS *BATS!*

Do not toss those dog-eared manilla folders. Give them to Liz Alvarez or Al Biemond in Education (x549) for use in the Bat Shadow Puppet activity. Kids can transform them into shadow puppet bats. Twigs, skinny and about 6" long, are also needed.

MASTERS UP AND RUNNING WITH FIFTY-TWO VOLUNTEERS

The **Masters of the Night** exhibit and activities related to that exhibit are being staffed with fifty-two volunteers. Floor managers **Elizabeth Alvarez** and **Al Biemond** have been hired to work with the volunteers during the summer months. Twenty veteran volunteers, sixteen rookie adult volunteers and sixteen teenage volunteers are working in the exhibit or helping with activities. Activities include helping visitors make bats for the shadow puppet theater located outside the exhibit, teaching about bat houses and bats' prefered habitats, presenting bat stories from around the world in a "Bats in Culture" activity, teaching how to make origami bats, or helping visitors learn about local bat species and how bats' skeletal structures compare to humans' and birds' in "Compare-a-Bat."

Many thanks to **Bruce Patterson, Bill Stanley, Maureen Ransom** and **John Wagner** who helped train **Masters** volunteers. Other staff members will be meeting with the teenage volunteers through the summer. This summer's teen volunteer program is a model upon which we hope to build a longer-term program for teens. The program aims to give the Museum both short-term help for the summer exhibits and a longer-term relationship with community youth. In exchange the teens should be able to learn more about the many careers represented within a large Museum.

Congratulations Rosaura!

Rosaura Boone, formerly of the Education Department's Outreach Program, has accepted the position of education volunteer manager. Rosaura will work with the 350 Education Department volunteers. Her responsibilities include working with the weekend volunteers, so those of you who put in weekend hours are sure to see her frequently. Rosaura will also work with *The Volunteer Voice,* the newsletter which is sent to all volunteers. If you want to put anything into that quarterly newsletter, please contact her at x288.

CONVERSATIONS -- ALL INVITED!

Last week all staff received brochures on The Nuveen Forum "Conversations." All staff are invited to attend these forums.

Over the next year, nine separate conversations will involve a cross-section of metropolitan Chicagoans and anthropologists in a dialogue on the meaning of culture, pluralism and diversity. Anthropology's perspective on these topics is unique because of its central mission to study cultures within a comparative framework. The aim is to increase the quality of conversation about America's cultural richness, our relationships and our heritage.

The Nuveen forum is supported by The John Nuveen Company and The National Endowment for the Humanities.

For free tickets or brochure, leave your request on x530 and tickets will be sent to you via inhouse mail.

A complete description of the programs will be published in the *Natural News* as their dates approach.

We extend our deepest sympathies to **Derek McGlorthan** on the loss of his grandmother, Mrs. Pearl Robinson. Services were held on this past Wednesday, June 28, 1995. You may send all expressions of condolences to Security Services.

We also extend our deepest sympathies to **Martina Hough** on the recent death of her aunt.

Thanks!

THANK YOU for all the expressions of sympathy and condolences at my mother's passing. Your thoughtfulness was of great comfort to me and sincerely appreciated.
-- **Martina Hough**

Sibel and **Chap Kusimba** had a wonderful time at their baby shower. They are grateful to all who participated and want to say *thanks* to The Field Museum for being such good friends.

NEW JOB OPENINGS

Below is the latest job opportunity in the Museum. For further information and previous job openings, please check the Career Opportunities listing published by the Personnel Department.

Secretary II -- Personnel Department

THE VOLUNTEER SPECTATOR

Please welcome the following new and veteran volunteers who are working in the exhibit, *Masters of the Night: The True Story of Bats*.

New Adult Volunteers
Edward Barta
Beth Blomquist
Madelyn Botello
Eleanor Burns-Larson
Eileen Day
Angela Eilering
Caroline Epp
Elizabeth Frank
Marlene Furch
Allen Goodcase
Kristie Kincheloe
David Larson
Catherine Rappa
Linda Sanchez
Jay Savage
James Squires
Kristen Sundquist
Steve Thorsen

Veteran Volunteers
Betsy Baldoni
Mark Baldridge
Lucia Barba
Frieda Bernstein
Sidney Bernstein
Bill Duvall
Jack Ewing
Kate Goes
Teressa Hicks
Suzanne Hudson
Debbie Jargstorf
Dennis Kinzig
Leonore Levit
Gertrude Novak
Allison Orendach
Audrey Sauer
Ann Marie Sherry
Eila Weisman

New Teen Volunteers
Margaret Babiarz
Irma Barragan
Jonathan Curbis
Sunny Debrito
Araceli Delgado
Marilyn Garcia
Lidia Hernandez
David Klinker
Crystal Miles
Ramona Pacheco
Amy Siegal
Nicole Steel
Salma Yaqubi
Brian Zahlman

Many lovely photographs were taken at the Volunteer Recognition Event on March 28, and are on display in the Education Department. Please stop by to view them. If you are in one of the photographs and would like a copy, please see **Anita Morgan**. Thank you.

CENTER FOR EVOLUTIONARY AND ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY

1995 SUMMER ADVANCED TRAINING PROGRAM SET TO BEGIN

The Summer 1995 Session of the Advanced Training Program in the Conservation of Biological Diversity ("ATP") is nearly here. As with last year, we will have two seminar series; one presented by faculty from all three institutions in the consortium (Field Museum, Brookfield Zoo and University of Illinois at Chicago) and the other presented by the participants. The faculty seminars begin on July 5 at 2:00 p.m. in the Zoology Classroom (3rd floor), with Robin Foster speaking on "Rapid Assessment for Conservation Work." The first participant will present his/her seminar on July 11 at noon in the Zoology Classroom. We hope that many of you will be able to attend these various seminars. If anyone would like a copy of the schedule once it is finalized, please call **Wendy Jackson** (CEEB, ext. 432).

The eight participants, who will be arriving on July 1, are again bringing a diverse set of backgrounds and interests to the program, and we are looking forward to another exciting summer. The participants are: Laura Guzmán, a mycologist from the University of Guadalajara in Mexico; Natalia Hernández, an ecologist with Fundación Puerto Rastrojo, a nongovernmental organization in Bogotá, Colombia; Esezah Kakudidi, Curator of Botany at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda; Eugenia Martínez, Conservation Education Officer at the Guadalajara Zoo in Mexico; Nguyen Cuc Phuong, a biologist at the Hanoi Zoo in Vietnam; Alfred Otim, Game Warden at Kigezi Game Reserve in Uganda; Paula Procópio de Oliveira, an ecologist with the Golden Lion Tamarin Conservation Project in Brazil; and Daniel Rakotondravony, a professor at the Université d'Antananarivo in Madagascar.

SYSTEMATIC STUDY GROUP LAUNCHED

The summer "Systematics Study Group" has been launched. Field Museum undergraduate student interns meet every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. in the Zoology Classroom to discuss various aspects of phylogenetic systematics. Several Field Museum staff members participate in the meetings. If you wish to join, contact **Petra Sierwald**, (Insects, x841), for a schedule and reading material.

INVERTEBRATE CURATORS BACK FROM HAWAII

Janet Voight and **Rüdiger Bieler** (Zoology, Invertebrates) just returned from attending the national meeting of the American Malacological Union (AMU) at the University of Hawaii campus in Hilo. Both had been invited to give symposium lectures; Janet gave a presentation on "Phylogenetic Reconstruction of Incirrate Octopods with Morphological Characters" as part of the well-attended Cephalopod Symposium, and Rüdiger spoke in the Biogeography Symposium on "Patterns of Distribution in a Gastropod with Teleplanic Larvae: Architectonicoidea in the Indo-Pacific."

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AMU council affirmed Rüdiger's election as the new President of this national society. He will be the organizer of next year's AMU meeting. The 1996 meeting (here at Field Museum!) is scheduled for June 29 to July 3 -- we'll keep you posted!

NEWS FROM THE INSECT DIVISION

Petra Sierwald (Zoology, Insects) and **Meosha Hudson**, Petra's undergraduate intern in Insects, just returned from the 19th annual Meeting of the American Arachnological Society. Petra presented a paper, entitled: "Black widows are better than their reputation." It summarizes her current research in the mating behavior of widow spiders and addresses questions of sexual selection.

Petra accepted the invitation to take over the task as Associate Editor for the *Journal of Arachnology,* published by the American Arachnological Society. The Associate Editor is responsible for the entire review process of manuscripts submitted to the journal. Petra has also become a member of the Executive Committee of the Society. Petra served on the Committee before (1989-1991), as one of the directors.

WHERE IS SHE NOW?

For those of you wondering what became of Academic Affair's own **Nancy Walsh**, here is late-breaking news ... After a brief respite in Colorado, she has decided to re-enter the wild, wonderful, wacky world of museums. Nancy has just accepted a new position as associate director of the Bell Museum of Natural History at the University of Minnesota. Starting in mid-July Nancy's new address will be:

Nancy Walsh
James Ford Bell Museum of Natural History
University of Minnesota
10 Church Street S.E.
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455

Best wishes, Nancy!
We know Scott Lanyon is breathing a sigh of relief now that you are joining him!